

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A safety hook comprising:
 - a main shaft;
 - a chain receiving portion disposed at a first end of said main shaft and dimensioned to receive a chain for coupling a trailer to a towing vehicle;
 - a first bend disposed at a second end of said main shaft substantially vertically in-line with the chain receiving portion and positioned to extend toward the same side of the main shaft as the chain receiving portion; and
 - a second bend depending from said first bend that bends in substantially the opposite direction of the first bend, wherein said second bend has a terminal end that does not extend beyond said first bend.
2. (Previously presented) The safety hook of claim 1 wherein said main shaft, said first bend and said second bend are co-planar.
3. (Previously presented) The safety hook of claim 1 wherein said first bend includes a first straight portion.
4. (Previously presented) The safety hook of claim 3 wherein said first straight portion is substantially parallel to said main shaft.
5. (Previously presented) The safety hook of claim 1 wherein said second bend includes a second straight portion.
6. (Previously presented) The safety hook of claim 5 wherein said second straight portion is substantially parallel to said main shaft.
7. (Previously presented) The safety hook of claim 4 wherein said second bend includes a straight portion.
8. (Previously presented) The safety hook of claim 7 wherein said second straight portion is substantially parallel to said main shaft and substantially parallel to said first straight portion.

9. (Canceled)
10. (Previously presented) The safety hook of claim 1 wherein the main shaft, first bend and second bend are integrally formed.
11. (Currently amended) A safety hook comprising:
a main shaft;
a chain receiving portion disposed at a first end of said main shaft and dimensioned to receive a chain for coupling a trailer to a towing vehicle;
a first bend disposed at a second end of said main shaft and substantially vertically in-line with the chain receiving portion and positioned to extend toward the same side of the main shaft as the chain receiving portion; and
a second bend depending from said first bend that bends in substantially the opposite direction of the first bend;
wherein ~~said second bend~~, said chain receiving portion, said first bend and said second bend are substantially co-planar.
12. (Currently amended) A safety hook comprising:
a main shaft;
a chain receiving portion disposed at a first end of said main shaft and dimensioned to receive a chain for coupling a trailer to a towing vehicle;
a first bend disposed at a second end of said main shaft substantially vertically in-line with the chain receiving portion and positioned to extend toward the same side of the main shaft as the chain receiving portion; and
a second bend depending from said first bend that bends in substantially the opposite direction of the first bend.
13. (Currently amended) A safety hook comprising:
a main shaft;
a chain receiving portion disposed at a first end of said main shaft and dimensioned to receive a chain for coupling a trailer to a towing vehicle;
a first bend disposed at a second end of said main shaft substantially vertically in-line with the chain receiving portion and positioned to extend toward the same side of the main

shaft as the chain receiving portion, the first bend having a first straight portion substantially parallel to said main shaft; and

a second bend depending from said first straight portion and bending in substantially the opposite direction of the first bend, wherein said second bend has a second straight portion substantially parallel to said main shaft.

14. (Currently amended) A security hook for coupling a trailer to a towing vehicle using a chain, the chain being engaged with the trailer, the towing vehicle having a platform with a hole therein, the security hook comprising:

a main shaft having a first end and second end;

a chain receiving portion extending from the first end of the main shaft and dimensioned to receive the chain; and

a U-shaped hook extending from the second end of the main shaft substantially vertically in-line with the chain receiving portion and positioned to extend toward the same side of the main shaft as the chain receiving portion, the U-shaped hook dimensioned to engage the hole in the towing vehicle platform.

15. (Currently amended) The security hook of claim 14, further comprising a second hook having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end of the second hook is attached to the U-shaped hook, and wherein in an installed configuration, the second end of the second hook contacts an underside of the ~~te~~ towing vehicle platform.

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